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Letters from Matt Hale

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Dear Mia,

I received your letter of 2/24 yesterday and your letters of 2/26 and 3/1 today, including the recent photo of you and me. Were you and I ever able to take as many photos together when I am locked away in a supposedly high security prison is a good question! Haha. Today had better check their locks on their doors. (Well, the way I am treated, it is almost surprising that I do not have my own personal guard sitting in the hallway!)

I still have not heard from Bernard. As you will recall, he was supposed to call here and set up a phone call and play the recording of oral argument for me during the call. Please, when you receive this letter, call him on the phone and find out what the deal is. I am starting to become concerned that

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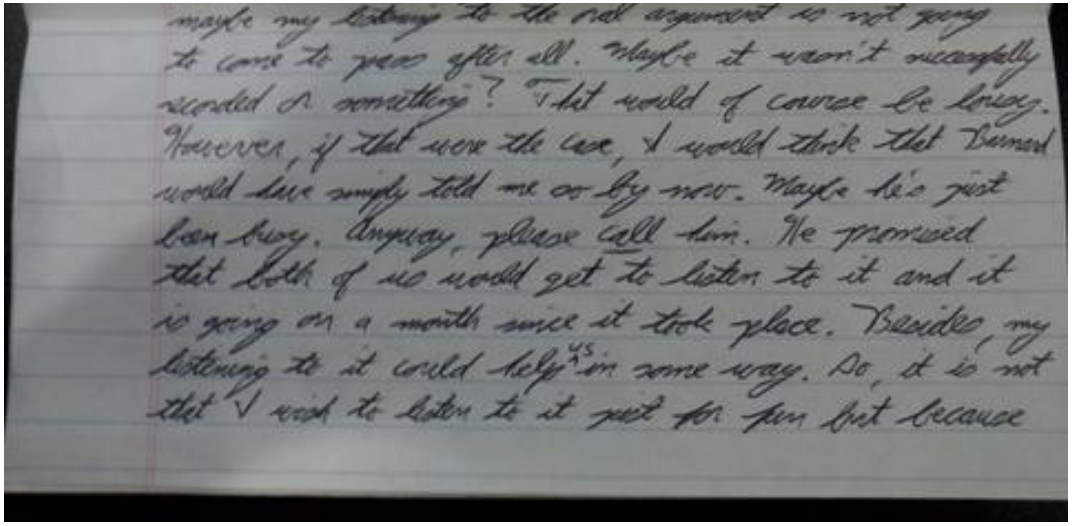

maybe my listening to the old argument is not going
to come to pass after all. Maybe it wasn't accurately
recorded or something? That would of course be lousy.
However, if that were the case, I would think that Barnard
would have simply told me so by now. Maybe he's just
been busy. Anyway, please call him. We promised
that both of us would get to listen to it and it
is going on a month since it took place. Besides, my
listening to it could help us in some way. So, it is not
that I wish to listen to it just for fun but because

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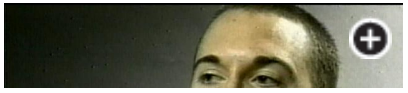

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soliciting the murder of a federal judge.

Hale was imprisoned under some of the same rules used for terrorists and was prohibited from communicating with the outside world, except for his parents and his attorneys.

Those restrictions have since been lifted. Hale's family is sharing hundreds of letters he's written from his solitary confinement in prison with FOX 32 News, giving us the first look at life in prison for one of America's most notorious white supremacists.

Hale is serving a 40 year sentence in the toughest federal prison in the U.S., locked up with the Unabomber Ted Kaczynski, Olympics bomber Eric Rudolph, and 9/11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui.

He was convicted for soliciting the murder of federal judge Joan Lefkow in 2003, but the plot was intercepted before it was carried out.

Hale, the leader of the "world church of the creator" had already been on the FBI's radar, after one of his disciples, Benjamin Smith committed a hate crime, shooting 11 people and killing two of them, including Northwestern basketball coach Ricky Birdsong.

At the time, Hale said he had no sympathy for the victims.

"In our church, compassion for non-whites is like having compassion for an animal that dies, particularly, or an insect," Hale said.

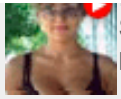
Hales' letters, however, show lots of compassion and love for his parents. His father died last year and Hale now signs most of his notes, "I love you, Ma." The letters are sprinkled with smiley faces.

He includes sketches depicting his mother, and himself, and signs them, "Your Fig," a reference to his vegetarian prison diet. The one-time Pontifus Maximus of his own church even signed one letter "Pontifig Bananamus Avocado Maximus."

Hale has not wavered from his preachings.

"I was surrounded by Muslims for over a year in B range (not by choice), he once wrote.

"But hopefully nobody's worrying about me converting...I am a racial loyalist first, last and always."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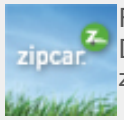

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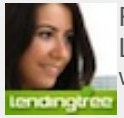

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Just two months ago, he wrote, "these white people who persecute me need to quit being traitors to their white race."

Hale also has never accepted the jury's guilty verdict.

"There are people who wish to delude themselves into thinking I am the boogeyman," he writes. "All I ever did was write articles, give speeches and hold picket signs. What the hell is so terrifying about that?"

He does prefer the prison in Florence, Colorado to the MCC in Chicago, where he was held during his trial.

In January, 2010, he wrote, "I do not get nearly, even remotely as depressed as I used to. There were days at the MCC when I was nearly killed by grief."

Later that year, he wrote, "Sometimes I think to myself that my situation is simply like being cooped up in a hotel room. I get room service, a complimentary newspaper, cable TV...and all of these things on the house, at that. Ha ha. Nor do I have to tip the bell boys."

He says "books are my greatest joy." He does jigsaw puzzles, and in line with his training as a violin player, he listens to classical music.

He also plays chess by shouting out moves to nearby inmates, once writing, "I've played two whites, three Arabs, two Negroes and one Hispanic...I forgot to include the Israeli Jew I've played too. No kidding. We are a real mixed group and i get along with everybody."

As for his legal case, on March 5, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected Hale's arguments that he was a victim of bad lawyering, He's asking the court to reconsider.

The day after that ruling, he wrote, "loyalty or treason to our white people is the only choice in the matter. I stand for loyalty."

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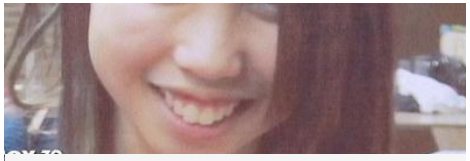

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